

Co-operative Information

Co-operatives Victoria plays an important role in disseminating Australian co-operative information via the Internet.

As well as www.victoria.coop, Co-operatives Victoria has three specialist sites:

- education.victoria.coop
- health.victoria.coop
- news.victoria.coop

Co-operatives Victoria also established the www.australia.coop website, which is now maintained by Co-operatives Australia.

Co-operative Advocacy

As the peak body for co-operatives in Victoria, Co-operatives Victoria regularly liaises with Consumer Affairs Victoria regarding the administration of the Co-operatives Act and any other matters which directly affect the successful operation of Victorian co-operatives.

Co-operatives Australia is the national body for the State Federations of Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia. Co-operatives Victoria plays a leading role in its activities which include the development of new national co-operative legislation and the issuing of co-operative information papers.

Co-operatives Australia also works closely with Social Business Australia on issues of national interest affecting all co-operatives and mutually owned businesses.



**Promoting
the benefits
of member
ownership**

What is Co-operatives Victoria?

Co-operatives Victoria is the peak body for co-operatives in Victoria. Its mission is to develop and promote the co-operative model as a means of satisfying the economic and social needs of people.

It works with its members to ensure that they are well run, successful co-operatives. It has assisted its members with issues such as capital units, governance, formation, legislative provisions and administration, as well as facilitating professionally delivered co-operative education.

Co-operative Education

Co-operative education helps directors and staff understand the importance and strategic value of the co-operative model and its operating principles. These principles clearly differentiate co-operatives from their competition in the market place.

Education is focused on showing how promoting this difference to members and clients makes good business sense and, if fully embraced, can have a significant positive impact on the economic success of co-operatives.

Co-operatives Victoria has been working with the UK Co-operative College to bring co-operative education to directors, managers and members. Victorian co-operatives that have participated in Co-op College workshops include Common Equity Housing Ltd, MECU, Murray Goulburn, SouthEast Housing Co-operative, Southern Quality Produce Co-operative and Westgate Health.



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